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Hope you all are enjoying the waning days of summer. Finally we have been given some beautiful days to enjoy. That is what we did at the foster family picnic last Thursday. Eight families and a whole passel of children had a tasty pot luck, visited and played at Sibley Park.

Support Group

Blue Earth County Support Group continues to meet the third Monday of every month at 6:30pm-8:30pm at the WoW Zone.

Everyone with and without placements are encouraged to join them. It was a pleasure for me to spend some time with foster parents as a group and I think it could be for any of you who haven't had a chance attend.

Car Seat Training

The next car seat training is scheduled for September 24

6:00- 9:00PM at Snell Auto's Community Room

Call- 304-4273 to register

As always, if you are going to accept placements age eight and under you must have this training ever 5 years. If you are not sure when you last had the training you can call me.

Other Training

The attachment is about four training opportunities.

All of these qualify as Children's Mental Health Training.

The two in October are sponsored by Minnesota DHS and have no fee. Both are in October with one in Mankato and the other in New Ulm.

Both of the others are Sponsored by MN Adopt. Both of them are Part of a series but only one requires you to take the entire series. The are located in Edina and St Paul and do have a fee.

I wanted to share with you that the MN Adopt training offered in Mankato in August was excellent. It gives me confidence that other MN Adpt training will be well worth it. I believe the cost of that one was \$20.

Unusual Announcement

You know that most foster children return to their families so I thought you might be interested that six foster children were adopted by their foster families in August-September. It's unusual to have so many at once. I can tell you that there are three very happy families out there. Congratulations!

Minnesota Child Welfare Training System

A joint effort between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and county social service agencies

Resource Families Training

CSP9310: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

October 4, 2012

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Brown County License Bureau
1900 North Franklin Street
New Ulm, MN 56073**

**Registration Deadline:
September 24, 2012**



A basic training session for Resource Families on the dynamics of domestic violence (DV), the impact of exposure to DV on children, and strategies for supporting children who have been exposed to DV. The training describes some of the specific needs of children exposed to domestic violence and how to respond effectively. The training promotes resiliency in children who have been exposed to domestic violence and supports the development of their positive coping strategies.

Brenda Bussey, M.S.W.

Bree Bussey works as a Community Programs Specialist in the Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies in the Department of Social Work at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Bree holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies and English and her Master of Social Work from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Her professional experience includes national work in providing training and technical assistance for tribally based domestic violence and sexual assault programs, coordinating a domestic violence emergency shelter, and working in transitional and permanent supportive housing for American Indian families and individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness.

***To register, or for further information please contact:**

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MINNESOTA CHILD WELFARE TRAINING SYSTEM

A joint effort between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and county social service agencies

Resource Families Training

CSP 9109: Sexual Abuse

Training Description: This training examines the definition and dynamics of child sexual abuse. Participants will learn that sexual abuse is a complex problem and that children who have been sexually abused may have a hard time adjusting to a new home. Additional training and resources to successfully care for these children and teens will be discussed.

October 23, 2012

6:00 PM - 9:00PM

**Blue Earth County
Human Services
410 South 5th Street
Mankato, MN 56001**



To register, please submit your name, address and phone number to:

for these at: **Joanna Petersen**
(507) 304-4167
joanna.petersen@co.blue-earth.mn.us

Trainers:

Barbara Fischer

Ms. Fischer is an adoptive, kinship, and former foster parent. Barb and her husband were first licensed to provide foster care in 1984 and have since fostered children from around the world. They have adopted nine children, making them the parents of thirteen children. Barb describes having a passion for training and sees the pre-service training as the best training to adequately prepare people to successfully provide foster care, adoption and kinship care.

Tammi Stoos, B.A.

Ms. Stoos has been a foster parent and social worker since 2001. After "aging out" of foster care in 1996, she began providing respite care while pursuing an undergraduate degree. She works as a social worker for Fillmore County Social Services and is actively involved with the Foster Care Alumni of America.

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2012



MN ADOPT

A Program Funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services

Supporting the Emotional Growth of Traumatized Children

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mankato, MN

**A training for parents, caregivers and professionals who serve
adoptive, foster and kinship families**

A general overview of how the brain is affected by trauma, how to interpret your child's behavior and how to implement the Beyond Consequences model in your home. Seeing your child's behavior as communication rather than trying to manipulate you, how to appropriately respond to the behavior to encourage healing, to support the emotional growth and health of the traumatized and to repair the parent-child relationship.

Brenda Benning, MSW, LGSW received her Masters in Social Work from the University of Minnesota and has trained with Heather Forbes, the co-founder of Beyond Consequences Inc, on multiple occasions. She is currently counseling families individually in home and group settings. Her primary focus is adoptive families with children HEALing from trauma histories and attachment issues. Brenda is parenting eight children, seven through adoption; multiple with diagnosed trauma histories and attachment issues. Through these techniques she has restored the regulation to her own home.

Check-in

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Presentation

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location

Bethany Lutheran College

700 Luther Drive

Honsey Hall #337

Take elevator to upper level from street level

Mankato, MN 56001

*Campus map & parking instructions on page 2

Fee

\$20 per person; \$35 per parenting couple

CEUs are available for an additional \$30 per person.
Certificates of Attendance will be given at end of training

Register online at www.mnadopt.org

For more information visit www.mnadopt.org/training



Questions? Contact Janet Hammer at
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